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A. ORDER OF BATTLE

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1. [redacted] following Soviet units as of Dec 53:

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO</u>
FOURTH Gds Mecz Army	-	EBERSWALDE (5250N-1350E)	Unk
6th Gds Mecz Div	FOURTH Gds Mecz Army	BERNAU (5240N-1335E)	Unk. Col (fmu) UDOVICHENKO up to Nov- Dec 53.
16th Gds Mecz Regt	6th Gds Mecz Div	RAD FREIEN- WALDE (5246N-1403E)	Unk
17th Gds Mecz Regt	6th Gds Mecz Div	EBERSWALDE	Unk
35th Gds Mecz Regt	6th Gds Mecz Div	BERNAU	Unk
82d Gds Hv Tk Regt	6th Gds Mecz Div	EBERSWALDE	Unk
19th Gds Motorcycle and Recon Bn	6th Gds Mecz Div	RAD FREIEN- WALDE	Unk
33d Gds Sig (Radio) Tng Bn*	6th Gds Mecz Div	BERNAU	Unk
34th Gds Sep Tk Tng Bn	6th Gds Mecz Div	BERNAU	Unk. Lt Col (fmu) TSEPURDEY up to Nov 52
U/1 Gds RL Tng Bn	6th Gds Mecz Div	BERNAU	Unk
U/1 Gds Med Bn	6th Gds Mecz Div	EBERSWALDE	Unk
U/1 Gds Driver's Sch	6th Gds Mecz Div	BERNAU	Unk

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO</u>
W/1 Gds How Regt	6th Gds Mecz Div	BERNAU	Unk
W/1 Field Tk Repair Base	6th Gds Mecz Div	BERNAU	Unk
68th Gds Med Tk Regt*	6th Gds Mecz Div	BERLIN	Lt Col (fnu) POPADYK
1st Gds Med Tk Bn	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Lt Col (fnu) LEONT'YEV
2d Gds Med Tk Bn	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Maj (fnu) PYATYKH
Gds SP Bn (Had no number)	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Lt Col (fnu) MARKOV
Gds SMG Bn (Had no number)	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Unk
Gds AAA MG Co (Had no number)	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Unk
Gds Hqs Co (Had no number)	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Unk
Gds Hqs Supply Plat (Had no number)	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Unk
Gds Tk Tech Supply Co (Had no number)	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Unk
Gds Musical Plat (Had no number)	68th Gds Med Tk Regt	BERLIN	Unk

* The official title for this unit was the 68th Gds ZHITOMIR, BERLIN, decorated with the orders of SEVOROV, KUTUZOV, Bogdan KHMEINITSKIY, Aleksandr NEVSKIY, Med Tk Regt.

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a. The following units were subordinate to 1st Gds Med Tk Bn, 68th Gds Med Tk Regt, and were located with it in BERLIN:

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>CO</u>
1st Tk Co	Unk
2d Tk Co*	Capt (fmu) KNYAZEV
1st Tk Plat	Sr Lt (fmu) SUSHKOV
2d Tk Plat	Lt (fmu) LIPATOV
3d Tk Plat	Lt (fmu) SITAYEV
Sve Plat	Lt (fmu) RADUL

All units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div took summer training in the **TEMPLIN** (5307N-1330E) area. On the night of 17-18 Jun 53, the 68th Gds Med Tk Regt and other unidentified units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div were recalled from **TEMPLIN**. The 68th Gds Med Tk Regt went to **BAD FREIENWALDE** and stayed there for about a month before being stationed in tents near **BERLIN**'s Wuhlgarten Park (see Encl O) for another month. It was then billeted in a former German hospital and school near **STALIN Allee** in the Soviet Sector of **BERLIN** (see Encl C).

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the 68th was selected as the best regiment in the **FOURTH Gds Mecz Army** and that it would remain indefinitely in **BERLIN** as a "show regiment" to protect the German Democratic Republic.

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no return to its former station in **BAD FREIENWALDE** was contemplated.

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b. OB given differed from OB on hand in the following respects: Previous OB information listed Col **MIKHAIL OV** as CO, 6th Gds Mecz Div. Col **UDOVICHENKO** was CO of the division up to Nov-Dec 53 and that Col **MIKHAIL OV** was divisional deputy for technical matters.

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OB on hand carried a 33d Gds Sig Bn in **BERNAU**. there was a radio training school in **BERNAU**, which was the 33d Gds Sig Tng Bn.

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The U/1 RL Tng Bn in **BERNAU** was carried in OB on hand as 52d Gds Rkt Bn.

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* This company's headquarters had a tank for the use of its CO.

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
158th Rifle Regt	VENTSPILS (5724N-2132E). Also called WINDAVA or WINDAU in Latvian SSR.

B. UNIT LOCATIONS

See Encls A, B, and C for location of Soviet compounds near BAD FREIENWALDE and BERNAU and that of the 68th Gds Med Tk Regt in BERLIN.

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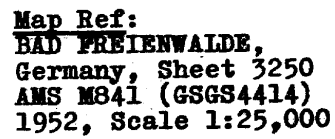
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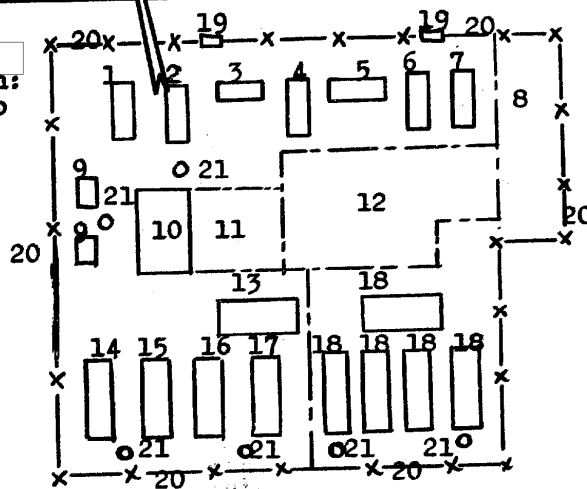
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Soviet Compound in BAD FREIENWALDE (5246N-1403E)



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Enclosure A

Soviet Compound in BAD PRETENWALDE (5246N-1403E)

Note: This installation is listed in "Installations List, Soviet Zone, Germany," published 29 Jul 53 by G-2, USAREUR, as #4001, former German Panzer Kaserne. [redacted] all buildings, unless stated otherwise, [redacted] 3-story brick barracks, about 50 x 20 m.

About half a kilometer from the installation was the 68th Gds Med Tk Regt ammo depot. [redacted]

[redacted] it was 150 x 100 meters in size, fenced in by a barbed-wire fence 2½ meters high, and contained an unknown number of wooden ammo buildings, size and contents of which were unknown.

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1. EM billets: occupied up to 15 Jul 53 by 68th Gds Med Tk Regt as follows: Basement - clothing supply; 1st floor - QM platoon, Band, medical detachment, dispensary, capacity about 50 EM; 2d floor - Gds SMG Bn, about 200 EM, 3d floor - 1st Tk Bn, about 100 EM. Estimated actual total occupancy, 350 EM. Each floor had about 18 rooms, some for NCOs, two to three in a room, some as storage for weapons, rucksacks, and some for EM. About 16 EM were in a room, 6 x 6 m, in double decker wooden bunks. There was a 150-cm aisle in the center, and about 50 to 60 cm between bunks.
2. EM billets: occupied up to 15 Jul 53 by the regiment as follows: 1st floor - regimental headquarters and Gds SP Bn, about 100 EM; 2d floor - officers' billets, capacity unknown; 3d floor - 2d Tk Bn and Gds AAA MG Co, about 150 EM.
3. Messhall for 68th Gds Med Tk Regt up to 15 Jul 53. A 2-story building, it had a capacity of 800-1000 men. 1st floor - officer and EM messhalls, PX; 2d floor - club, library, switchboard; Basement - food and fodder storage.
4. EM billets: occupied by 19th Gds Motorcycle and Recon Bn, capacity unknown.
5. EM billets: occupied by 16th Gds Mecz Regt.
6. EM billets: occupied by 16th Gds Mecz Regt.
7. EM billets: occupied by 16th Gds Mecz Regt.
8. Stadium.
9. POL storage: two 1-story bldgs, each 10 x 10 m. Had unknown number of iron barrels, capacity about 150 liters. These contained Diesel oil, gas, and oil. No further details known to source.

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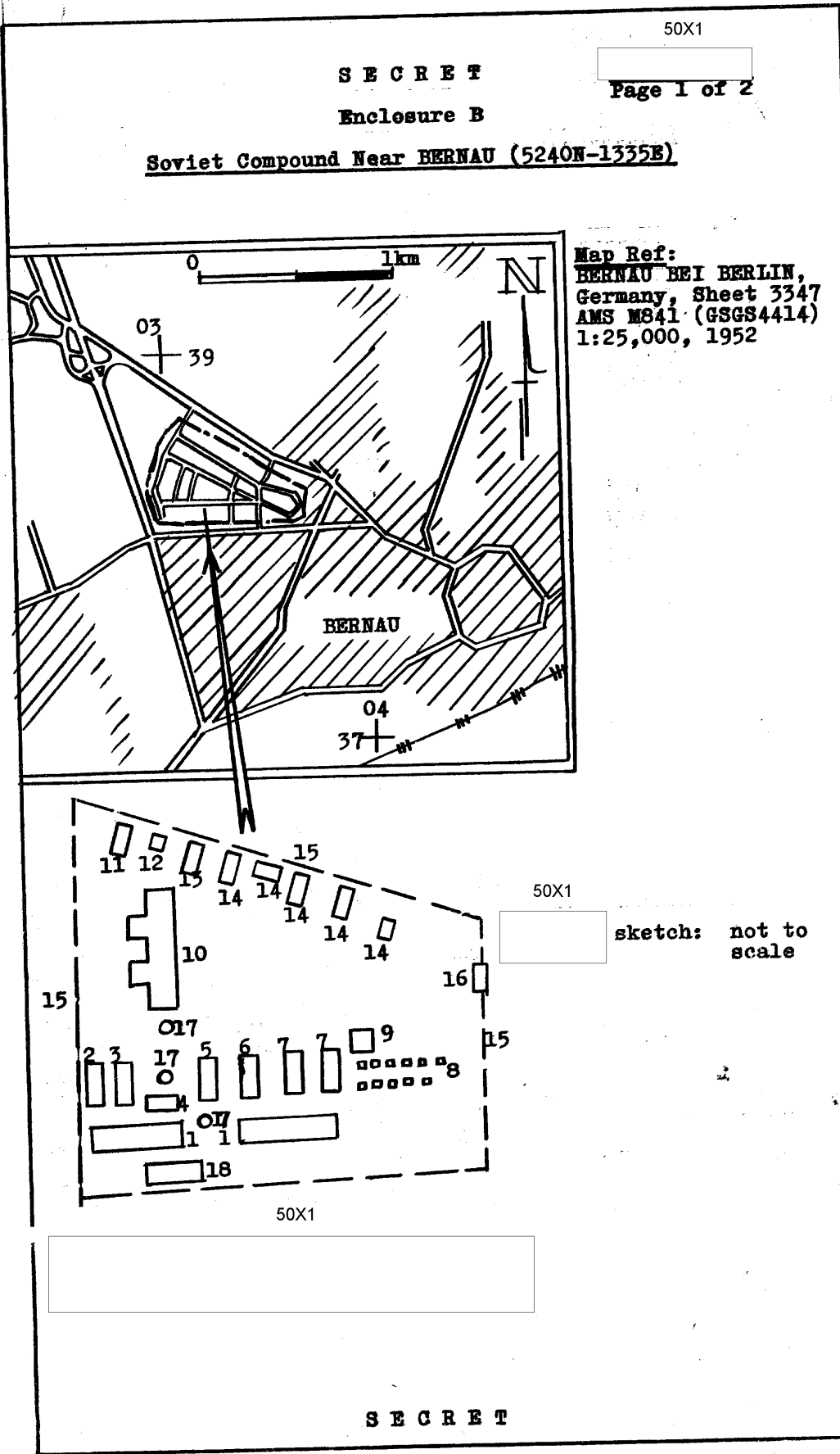
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10. Messhall for 19th Gds Motorcycle and Recon Bn and 16th Gds Mecz Regt: 2-story bldg, capacity 800-1000 men.
11. Obstacle course and outdoor gymnasium.
12. Reviewing stand, exercise area, parade grounds.
13. Tank repair shop: 1-story bldg, about 80 x 20 m, containing various lathes, vises, and machinery.
14. Tank garage: 1-story bldg, about 80 x 20 m, 22 T-34/85 tanks parked inside.
15. SP garage: 1-story bldg, about 80 x 20 m, contained about 20 to 22 SP guns.
16. Tank garage: 1-story bldg, about 80 x 20 m, contained 22 T-34/85 tanks.
17. Garage: 1-story, about 80 x 20 m, contained unknown number of trucks.
18. Garages for vehicles of 19th Motorcycle and Recon Bn and 16th Gds Mecz Regt: five bldgs, 1-story, 80 x 20 m, contents unknown.
19. Control points: manned 24 hours by one sentry.
20. Barbed wire fence, about 2½-meters high.
21. Patrolled areas, guarded 24-hours daily.

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Enclosure B**Soviet Compound Near BERNAU (5240N-1335E)**

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[redacted] this compound [redacted]
[redacted] was about one square kilometer in size and was fenced off
with a 2½-meter wooden fence. [redacted]

their occupancy. The compound was a former German caserne.
It is carried in "Installations List, Soviet Zone, Germany,"
published 29 Jul 53 by G-2, USAREUR, as #4241, the former
Panzer Kaserne. All units in this compound were subordinate
to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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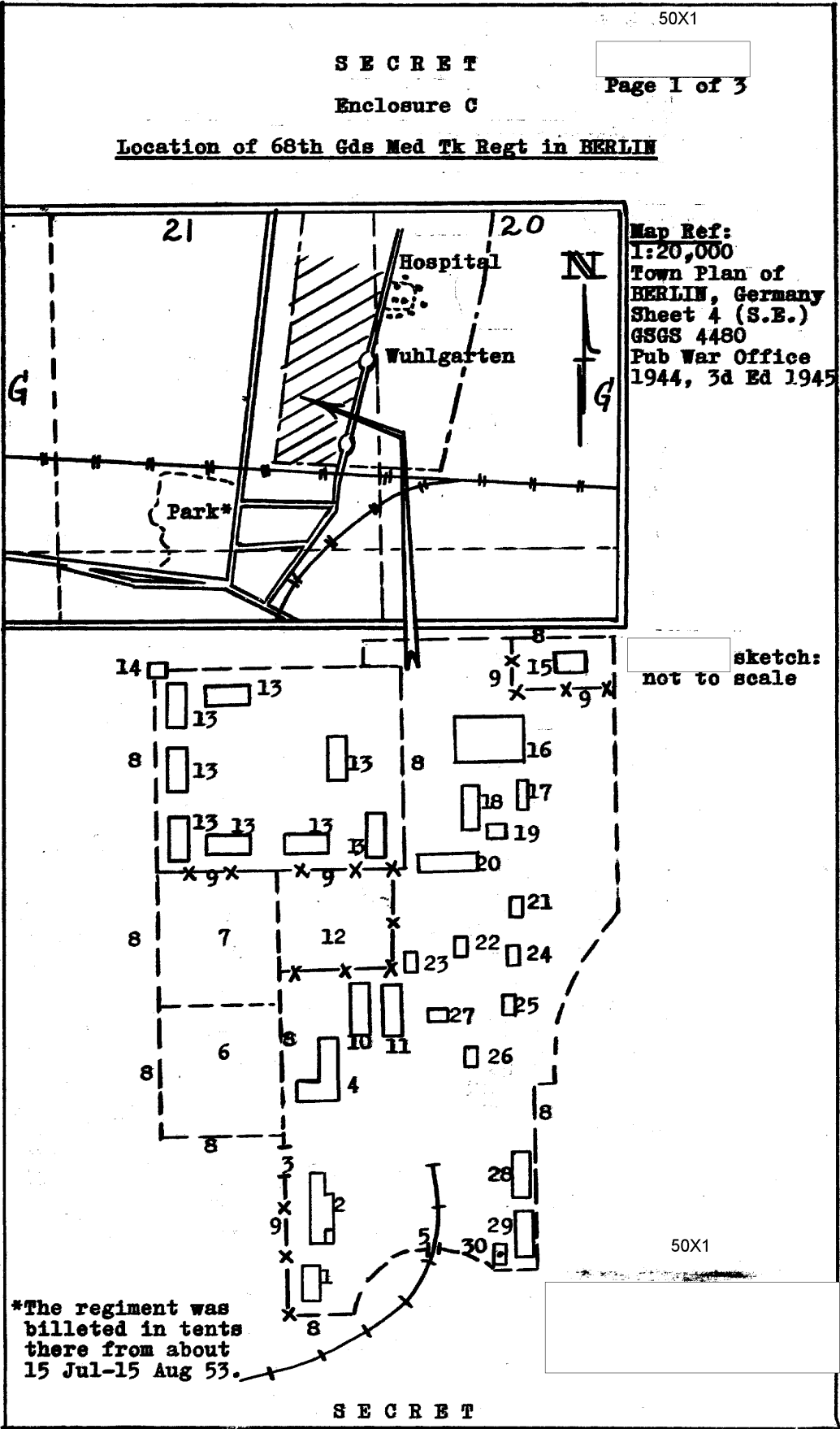
1. Garages: two long bldgs, contained unknown number of JS and T-34/85 tanks and 152-mm SP guns.
2. Tank repair base: known as PTRB (believed to stand for Polevaya Tankovaya Remontnaya Basa), it had various unidentified machinery.
3. U/1 Driver's School: building consisted of school rooms and student billets.
4. Hqs, 34th Gds Sep Tk Tng Bn.
5. EM billets: about 300 EM of 34th Gds Sep Tk Tng Bn were billeted there.
6. School building for 34th Gds Sep Tk Tng Bn.
7. Two buildings occupied by the U/1 RL Tng Bn and U/1 How Regt.
8. Officer billets: exact number of houses were unknown [redacted]
9. Officer's club.
10. EM messhall: 1-story bldg, capacity of 1500 at one sitting.
11. EM billets: [redacted] 33d Gds Sig (Radio) Tng Bn was billeted there.
12. Hqs, 35th Gds Mecz Regt.
13. Hqs and school for 33d Gds Sig (Radio) Tng Bn.
14. Five EM billets for 35th Gds Mecz Regt.
15. Wooden fence, 2½-meters high.
16. Control point. Guard hut for one sentry.
17. Posts manned by 24-hour sentries.
18. POL dump [redacted]

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Enclosure C

Location of 68th Gds Med Tk Regt in BERLIN

The buildings of this caserne were converted in Jul-Aug 53 from hospital and school structures to Soviet Army barracks. They were made of brick.

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1. Officer billets: 2-story bldg in which about 15 officers lived, one to three in a room.
2. EM barracks: 2-story bldg that housed about 250 men on each floor. Billeted there were the 1st and 2d Tk Bns, Gds SMG Bn, and Gds SP Bn. A company of about 50 EM occupied a room, 10 x 6 m, and slept in double-decker beds. Interval between bunks was about 60 to 80 cm, with an aisle about two-meters wide running in the center. Barracks windows were barred. The guardhouse and stockade were in the basement of this building.
3. Control point, manned by a sentry for 24 hours.
4. FX and food storage: 1-story bldg, guarded at night by a sentry.
5. Railroad spur ending at compound.
6. Outdoor gymnasium (horses, rings, bars, obstacle course).
7. Football stadium.
8. Wooden fence, about 2½-meters high.
9. Barbed wire fence, about 2½-meters high.
10. Driver's school, garages, and ordnance: 1-story bldg containing classrooms with mockups for instruction on brakes, fuel system, engine and gears. Garage had one BA-64 armored scout car and two armored 6 x 6 personnel carriers. Ordnance contained lathes and vises for small arms maintenance and repair.
11. EM Club: 1-story bldg, contained dayroom and movie. Construction was still going on to enlarge the club at time of source's defection.
12. Orchard, fenced off by barbed wire fence.
13. Garages: eight 1-story bldgs. Garages only had a paved floor and side walls; they were open from the front and had a roof of canvas. The buildings contained an unknown number of unidentified trucks, AA MGs, about 20 to 22 SP guns, and about 44 T-34/85 tanks. The area was guarded continually by two walking sentries and one sentry in a 15-meter high tower (#14).
14. Wooden tower: 15-meter high, manned 24 hours daily by a sentry.

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15. **Ammunition storage:** earth bunker or several earth bunkers containing small arms and artillery ammunition. Area was closed off by a barbed wire fence and guarded continuously by a sentry.
16. **POI storage:** outdoor area having a paved floor and containing an unknown number of iron barrels of approx 150-liter capacity, filled with gas and/or Diesel oil. Area was always guarded by a sentry.
17. **Officer billets:** 2-story bldg, capacity unknown.
18. **Vehicle and tank repair shop:** 1-story bldg, contained lathes, screw cutting machinery and various repair machinery.
19. **Repair shop:** 1-story bldg, contained a battery charger and various repair machinery.
20. **Garage:** had a canvas roof, brick walls and paved floor. It contained two T-34/85 tanks, used for training purposes.
21. **Clothing supply:** 1-story bldg, guarded continuously by a sentry.
22. **Stage for shows.** Wooden platform about 30 x 30 m.
23. **EM billets:** 2-story bldg - downstairs were one German barber, several Soviet tailors and Soviet shoemakers; upstairs, billets for QM platoon.
24. **Officer's club:** 2-story bldg, housed the library and had assembly rooms. Switchboard was on the first floor.
25. **Dispensary:** 2-story bldg, had unknown number of beds. Source knew no further details.
26. **EM billets:** 2-story bldg, capacity unknown. It housed men of the regimental band and of the Gds AAA MG Co.
27. **EM billets:** 2-story bldg, capacity unknown. It housed men of the Tk Tech Supply Co and Gds Hqs Co.
28. **EM bathhouse:** 1-story bldg, about 15 x 15 m, held about 50 men.
29. **Messhall:** 2-story bldg. First floor for EM, capacity 350. Regiment of about 700 ate in two sittings. Second floor for officers.
30. **Furnace room for central heating of compound.** It had a brick chimney about 60-meters high and was right at the edge outside of the compound. German firemen serviced the furnace.

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